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SUBJECT: GDR NOTE ON EXTENSION OF CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS TO WEST BERLIN

REF: USUN A-538 (NOTAL)

1. UN LEGAL CONSUL HAS CIRCULATED AT UN TEXT OF GDR LETTER RELATING TO GDR ACCESSION TO CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS (GENEVA 4/29/58) AND ACCEPTING WITH RESERVATIONS FRG DECLARATION THAT CONVENTION ALSO APPLIED TO WEST BERLIN.
 2. SUBSTANTIVE SECTION OF GDR LETTER RELATING TO WEST BERLIN READS AS FOLLOWS. QUOTE. IN RESPECT OF THE APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE HIGH SEAS TO BERLIN (WEST), THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TAKES NOTE OF THE DECLARATION ON THIS MATTER MADE BY THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, WITH THE RESERVATION THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONVENTION ARE TO BE APPLIED TO BERLIN (WEST) IN ACCORDANCE
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WITH THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT OF 3 SEPTEMBER 1971

BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST
REPUBLICS, THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN
IRELAND, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE FRENCH RE-
PUBLIC ACCORDING TO WHICH BERLIN (WEST) IS NOT A PART OF
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND MAY NOT BE GOVERNED
BY IT. UNQUOTE.

3. USREP SHOULD RAISE GDR NOTE IN BONN GROUP AND DETERMINE
WHETHER OTHERS FEEL ALLIED RESPONSE REQUIRED. SISCO

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